

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. RES. 798

Conveying the best wishes of the House of Representatives to those celebrating  
Diwali.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2009

Mr. McDERMOTT (for himself, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. ACKERMAN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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## RESOLUTION

Conveying the best wishes of the House of Representatives  
to those celebrating Diwali.

Whereas Diwali is celebrated by many Americans and people  
around the world, especially in South Asia;

Whereas Diwali is also known as “Deepavali” to many cele-  
brants around the world;

Whereas Diwali is a significant holiday for Hindus, Sikhs,  
Jains, Buddhists, and others;

Whereas Diwali falls on the last day of the last month of the  
lunar calendar and the festival is celebrated for 5 days;

Whereas Diwali is commonly known as “the Festival of  
Lights” and is observed with diyas, or oil lamps, lit in  
clay vessels; and

Whereas for its celebrants, Diwali is of spiritual significance and the lights of Diwali symbolize the inner light that overcomes the darkness of ignorance: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the historical and religious sig-  
3       nificance of Diwali;

4               (2) celebrates the rich cultural and religious di-  
5       versity of the people of the United States and the  
6       freedom of religion guaranteed to all Americans; and

7               (3) conveys best wishes to its fellow Americans  
8       and to people around the world celebrating Diwali.

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